

**1) What is the difference between Citizen Corps funding and CERT funding?**

The CERT funding is to ensure the train the trainer expertise is provided in local communities and is specific to Certified Emergency Response Training. The Citizen Corps funding is available to support local community efforts to operate Citizen Corps councils – a component of a Citizen Corps Council may be CERT related, but this is not the sole focus of the initiative.

**2) What is the end date of the program?**

It is expected that programs are completed by the end of November 2003. It is possible that no cost extensions will be available, but we are not certain at this time.

**3) On the budget, can you provide more detail as to what is necessary for item number 11?**

This box does not have to have a great deal of detail – it can be as simple as “Citizen Corps Council Activities”.

**4) On the budget, who should sign on number 18?**

The chief official for the applicant organization – keep in mind that only local government is eligible to apply. In some instances, this may be your County Commissioner, Mayor or a council member.

**5) Is there a letter of intent required in order to be considered for funding?**

NO.

**6) What is the request cap (\$2,000) or what the program needs knowing at least \$2,000 is available?**

There is not a cap on the amount requested. Each applicant selected will receive \$2,000.00. The remaining amount left over once the base amount is distributed will be divided per capita among the regions covered.

**7) Will there be funding in the years to come or is this a one-time grant opportunity?**

Congress signed the Omnibus Budget Bill last night (2/13/03) – it is not clear at this time what funds may be available for Citizen Corps activity. Keep checking our website for more information.

**8) Are non-profits allowed to apply for the funding?**

Only local governments can apply for the funding. However, if a Citizen Corps Council is operated by a nonprofit then the nonprofit must be in collaboration with the local government and the local government must be the applicant.

**9) In the budget, please clarify what “administrative funds” are considered? Is this supplies?**

Monitoring grants, developing grants, a person’s time, etc. This is any costs that are part of the overall operations associated with the initiative.

**10) In the budget, should a program allot for travel? And if so, what is the allowance?**

The program can allow for travel and should use the calculation of .28 cents per mile.

**11) Can the program budget for volunteer recognition?**

As we are still waiting for a response from FEMA – it is acceptable to include this until we provide further notice. Please keep in mind, if you do include it, we may request a budget revision.

**12) Can the program budget for training of volunteers/council members?**

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**13) What is being done to enhance the programs or is there a way to compile best practices?**

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism in partnership with SEMA and the Counter-Terrorism and Security Council is in the process of assessing the Citizen Corps Councils current status and compiling best practices. Through the administration of these grants, we expect to acquire more information from initiatives throughout the State of Indiana. Please keep checking our website for more information.

**14) If a particular region of the state has multiple councils that cover the same region, how will these applications be treated?**

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism encourages collaboration among Citizen Corps Councils in one region of the state. Applications accepted from the same area will not get double funding as per capita is only calculated once.

**15) Good Samaritan Law/Liability coverage for volunteers and councils?**

House Enrolled Act No. 1719 1971 Indiana General Assembly addresses the Good Samaritan Law and Liability. Please reference this in determining whether or not it would apply for your initiative.

**16) With the proposed changes that might happen to Title 10, the Civil Defense Statute, will liability issues be covered in the proposed changes?**

Regarding specific coverage and liability questions, applicants should contact Brad Ganon of the State Emergency Management Agency – 317-232-3980

**17) FEMA publications – can programs get multiple copies of the publications?**

The FEMA published a limited number of these publications, however, if Citizen Corps Councils need multiple publications, the request should go directly to FEMA. The requestor should state they represent a Citizen Corps Council and what the reason for the request for the publications. According to FEMA, additional prints will be made available soon.

**18) Can Memorandums of Understanding be attached to the application?**

YES.